

THE WEATHER  
Increasing cloudiness tonight, probably followed by snow flurries Saturday; rising temperature; low-est tonight about 15 degrees; cold-er Sunday; west shifting to south-west winds and becoming strong Saturday.

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HAMMOND, INDIANA

## YOUTH IS HANGED AT PONTIAC IN AUCTIONEERS TENT

### PUNISHED FOR BRUTAL CRIME

Newly Elected Pontiac Sheriff Performs A Grim Duty

(BULLETIN)  
(BY G. W. H. BRITT)  
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT, N. SERVICE)  
PONTIAC, Ill., Dec. 15.—Myron Cambridge was hanged at 9:07 a. m. today in a dinky auctioneer's tent in the jail yard.

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### GROMAN ASKS FOR RECEIVER

Demands Information as to Receipts of Consolidated Realty Co.

Dissension has entered the ranks of the Consolidated Realty Co., of Hammond, which owns the Mee hotel. Today Dr. Herman Groman, a heavy stockholder in the corporation, asked that a receiver be appointed to take charge of the assets and find out what is being done with the receipts.

Gusaf Muenich is president of the company. He is also treasurer. His wife, Mary, is secretary.

The complaint, prepared by Attorney Rensselaer, Peters & Mortland, states the corporation was formed a number of years ago and capitalized at \$50,000. Five hundred shares at \$100 each were sold. Muenich holds the majority of the stock. No officers were ever regularly elected, Groman says. Muenich simply usurped the job. He also law to it that he became treasurer and his wife secretary.

The corporation owns the hotel building and the real estate on which it is located. The total valuation is \$100,000. The hotel is leased at \$500 a month.

During the years the hotel has been rented, Groman says approximately \$50,000 has been collected by Muenich. The latter has taken the money, paid bills and then given no accounting of the balance. Groman figures there should be \$30,000 in the treasury whereas there seems to be only \$100 on hand.

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### U. S. ARMY SURGEON ARRESTED

Capt. Charles Pike Alleged to be Regular Free Lance Lover

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
CROWN POINT, Ind., December 15.—Captain Charles Pike, United States army surgeon attached to the Marine hospital at San Diego, was today arrested by Justice of the Peace Howard Kemp on charges of bigamy. Pike was brought here last night by deputy sheriffs from his Chicago home after Mrs. Margery B. Pike had sworn out an affidavit charging him with bigamy following Pike's marriage in Crown Point on November 9 to Miss Frances Helle, daughter of Louis A. Helle, prominent Chicago attorney.

Pike, alleged free-lance lover, is said to have lived for a number of years in Pennsylvania with Mrs. Helle, his "common-law" wife. He gave his age as 35. His second wife, Mrs. Pike, told the county clerk she was 24.

Pike's undoing came as the result of collusion. It is charged, he is alleged, having to convict Pike of bigamy and later divorce him from his daughter.

According to well-placed attorneys in Hammond the action against Pike is without basis in law in spite of the fact that the governor of both Indiana and Illinois honored requisition papers for the return of Pike to this state. According to the statutes of Indiana a "common-law" wife is entitled to alimony and other proper relief but in as much as no legal marriage is consummated the "common law husband" may marry a later love according to law without fear of having committed bigamy, says the attorney.

Pike is held at the county jail awaiting arraignment or action by his attorneys. He is said to have met Frances Helle Pike while she was assigned to the Marine hospital as a Red Cross nurse.

Action started by Attorney Geo. Hirschman, of Crown Point, for Pike's "first" wife, was responsible for state warrants and extradition papers being prepared at Indianapolis and Springfield. Having all details complete, the Crown Point authorities arrived in Chicago at 4 p. m. yesterday afternoon and after taking the matter up with the Chicago sheriff's office, made the arrest. They bundled Pike into an auto and as the Chicago press have it, spirited him away to Crown Point.

Instead of confiding with the Chicago police department, the Crown Point authorities took the matter up direct with the Cook County sheriff's office, who advised the officers to make the arrest. Because the Chicago police knew nothing about it, it was a "kidnaping case pure and simple."

George Slane, who has \$10,000 damages in a suit filed today in the Hammond Superior court against Frank Helman, Slane who lives in Indiana Harbor says he was hit by Helman's automobile on November 12th as he was crossing Guttridge street at Michigan avenue. F. A. Parkis, attorney for the plaintiff.

PRINCE HATES REPTILES  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Prince of Wales dislikes reptiles. "I do not like reptiles—not even a common frog—though I am interested in them," the Prince told a keeper at the zoo who was conducting him on a sightseeing trip through the Zoological Gardens.

To please the South Sea Islanders a girl must be tattooed sky blue and wear a nose ring.

BLUNDERS  
Through the ingenuity of Mrs. Walter L. Wise, Mrs. Earl Hammett, Mrs. E. L. Eggers and Mrs. James Vivian, comprising the "Business district" sales committee for the disposal of Red Cross Anti-Tuberculosis Christmas seals, the job of getting rid of the seals has become not a question of finding buyers but of getting more stamps. The women have compiled an interesting list of possible uses for the stamps. They have found odd and intriguing uses for the "pennypost" stickers. As a result the drive for sale of the seals in the business district has been most successful, they report. Commercial houses are vying with one another in record purchases.

Mrs. Howard Stevens is city chairman in charge of the distribution of \$1,500 worth of stamps in Hammond.

Renew your membership in the Red Cross before Dec. 15. One dollar per year. Headquarters, room 35 Rimbach Bldg., phone 140.

Why is This Wrong?  
The answer will be found among today's word ads. (What "Blunder" do you suggest?) (Copyright, 1922 Associated Editors)

### FARMER IS INDEBTED HUGE SUM

J. F. Judy Assigns For \$325,000 Liabilities in Warren County

RENSSELAER, Ind., Dec. 15.—John F. Judy, a prominent land owner and real estate dealer of Warren county, well known in Rensselaer and Jasper county, has made a general assignment of all property, real and personal, to Harry D. Dillings of Williamsport. Mr. Judy's liabilities, it is believed, will total \$325,000, while it is said his assets amount to between \$500,000 and \$400,000.

The depreciation in the value of farm land and the inability of Mr. Judy to dispose of land owned by him because of there not being a market for land at the present time, is given as the cause for the assignment in order to ward off law suits.

The principal indebtedness is to banks of Lafayette and Attica and in other cities.

Mr. Judy owns about 2,000 acres of land which is located in Warren and other counties in Indiana and in various states. He founded the town of Judyville, of about 300 inhabitants about fifteen years ago.

Mr. Dillings has fifteen days in which to file bond as trustee. He said that he would file the bond either Thursday or today. An inventory will be begun immediately after the bond is filed, Mr. Dillings said.

Mr. Judy was for several years a partner of W. L. Wood, of this city, and a hard fought legal battle between the two in the dissolution of the partnership will be remembered by many citizens.

MANY INTERESTING FEATURES ON PROGRAM FOR WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
The Indiana League of Women Voters and Lake county to be held at the First M. E. church in Hammond, Saturday, December 16, 1922, promises to be a very interesting meeting, as the speaker of the afternoon brings a message every woman should hear.

No pains have been spared to make this program one most enjoyable to all. In addition to the address by Mrs. Rose, Mrs. L. L. Bomberger will sing accompanied by M. J. McKelley, which alone will be well worth hearing.

There will be the election of officers by Lake County league with reports on the work done in the leagues by the different branch leagues. Major Dillings will be served at 6:30 and the evening program, which will rival the afternoon meeting, in interest, will be opened by community singing led by Miss Lena Schleisenger.

Mayor Dillings will give the address of welcome. The legislative program will be given by Miss Erika Rothenbach, the discussion will be led by Rep. Ahlgren, of Whiting. J. Glenn Harris, Gary, Wm. Love, Hammond, Emmett White, Gary and others.

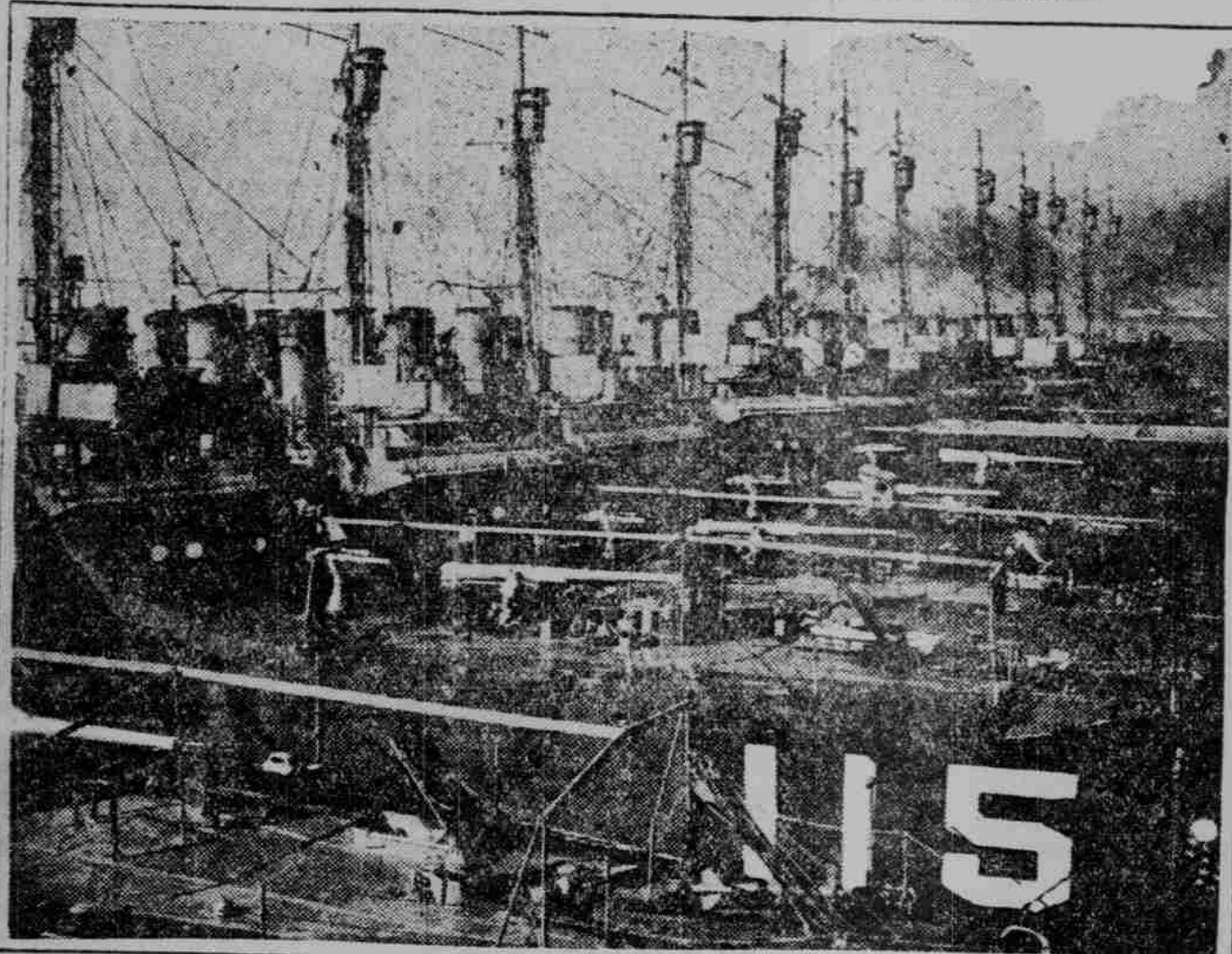
There will be delegates here from Lafayette, Rensselaer, Valparaiso, Lowell, Crown Point, East Chicago, Whiting and other places.

It is the hope of the League of Women Voters to arouse the interest of every woman voter in the work of the coming state legislature, and the league composed of members of all political parties, working for the common good of all should be able to uphold and support our law makers in passing measures for the betterment of conditions, and they should oppose all vicious and class legislation. Thus we may have a government "for the people, by the people, and for the people" that it may not be said of us that the ballot box has been a curse rather than a blessing.

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### "DEAD" DESTROYERS IN U. S. NAVY GRAVEYARD



Wasps of the seas "laid to rest" in San Diego naval cemetery.

Sixty-nine units of the Pacific destroyer fleet have been consigned to the naval "graveyard" at San Diego, Cal., and more are slated for a similar fate. "This is in accordance with the naval disarmament treaty. Eighty-four ships will be consigned to the "graveyard" while only thirty-seven will remain in active service with the Pacific grand fleet. Practically every naval base in the United States now has its quota of "dead" fighting craft slowly rotting away.

### HERRIN KILLINGS SUGGESTED

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
MARION, Ill., Dec. 15.—Otis Clark, one of the five defendants in the Herrin mine massacre murder trial, suggested the murdering of non-union miners at the Lester strip mine on the morning of June 21, a union miner testified on the stand today.

"We ought to take these men out and kill them," William R. Goodman declared on the witness stand Clark had said on the morning of the murders.

Another man, whom Goodman could not identify, counseled against summary action, he said.

"If we kill these men it will be the worst thing that can happen to us or the miners union all over the country," the man said.

Clark's alleged statement was forced from Goodman by State Attorney Duff Duff, in the face of opposition by defense attorneys.

"Do I have to answer that question?" Goodman queried, when Duff asked if he heard Clark say anything on the morning of the massacre.

Judge Hartwell ordered the witness to answer the question.

Goodman pointed out the bespectacled defendant and dramatically repeated the words. The statement startled the courtroom into breathless silence.

### BROSS LLOYD FAILS TO PAY THE \$20,000

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—William Bross Lloyd, millionaire communist, faces eviction from his beautiful Winnetka, Illinois, estate. He does not pay the \$20,000 he owes the federal government on the forfeited bond of William D. Haywood, fugitive I. W. W. leader, within ten days, his property will be seized to satisfy a writ issued against him today by Federal Judge George T. Baker.

Lloyd was released from the Joliet penitentiary the day before Thanksgiving after he had served seven years of a one to five year sentence imposed upon him for violation of the state syndicalism law. Haywood was arrested during the same drive that resulted in Lloyd's conviction, but fled to Russia. His bonds of \$45,000 were ordered forfeited.

### NEW FINDINGS IN FEUD BETWEEN WETS AND DRYS

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
MT. STERLING, Ky., Dec. 15.—Hostilities were resumed in the mountains of Menefee county early this morning between the moon-shiners and prohibition enforcement officers.

Bob Ballard, said to be leader of the outlaw gang which has been defying government agents was shot and instantly killed and his brother, Charles Ballard, severely wounded. Day Cole, dry agent of Bowling Green, was also killed.

Today's casualties brings the total dead to four: Robert E. Duff and Dave Treadway, government agents, having been killed in raids on the Ballards last Saturday and Sunday.

Sam Collins, state prohibition director is said to be rushing reinforcements to the raiding party which numbered twenty agents.

Governor Edwin P. Morrow has offered a reward for the arrest of each of the Ballard and Captain U. G. McFarland, who led Sunday's raid has declared he would take today's outlaws dead or alive.

er solution. Benny Brookshire, intimate and former employee, held in jail here for the convening of the grand jury and its investigation next week steadfastly declares his innocence of any knowledge of the crime.

(BULLETIN)  
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The bodies of Mrs. Mary Rapello, 50 and her son, Fred, 8, who had been shot to death and then brutally knifed, were discovered early today by firemen who found their Coney Island home in flames. Indications were that the slayer had set the fire to cloak his crime.

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 15.—Five motor bandits today shot and slightly wounded Harry McKee, a messenger of the First National Bank of Darby, and robbed him of \$20,000. The thugs escaped.

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### BORDER PATROL FOR RIO GRANDE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Creation of a "border patrol" along the Rio Grande river to suppress the smuggling of aliens and the importation of narcotics and to aid in prohibition enforcement was recommended today by Secretary of Labor Davis to Special Agents Charles T. Connel and E. W. Burton, who have just completed an extensive survey of conditions along the Mexican border.

In urging creation of the patrol, Connel and Burton declared the many alien Mexican laborers illegally in the United States menace American labor and communities and civil officials because of the large number of undesirable.

Not only would the "border patrol" concern itself with preventing the report, but it would also serve to suppress importations of liquor and narcotics into the United States by it would be vested authority to enforce all laws on the border now enforced by various government branches.

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## PURPORTED LETTER FROM K. K. KLAN

Missive Declares That A Bullet is Waiting For Governor

(TIMES BUREAU AT STATE CAPITAL)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15.—Threats against the life of Governor McCreary are contained in a letter received at the governor's office today, purporting to be from the secretary of the Ku Klux Klan at Gary, Ind.

The letter declares that "a bullet is waiting for you," if the governor interferes with the activities of the organization. It intimates that governors of a number of other states are in danger from the organization on account of public statements made against the organization.

POSTMARKED GARY.  
The letter was postmarked at Gary, Ind., Dec. 13, at 11:30 a. m. It is addressed to Governor McCreary and marked "personal." The letter differentiates from many anonymous letters received by the governor in that it appears to have been written by a well-educated person. The letter contains no clue to the identity of the writer other than the fact that it is from the Ku Klux Klan.

CONTENTS OF LETTER.  
The letter is as follows:  
"Dear Secretary for the Ku Klux Klan: I have been instructed to write to advise you beforehand not to interfere with the activities of our order. We are here to stay and laws have no meaning for us. We understand that you have already expressed your disapproval of our organization, but don't go any farther, for if you do, a bullet is waiting for you."

SAWS KLAN IS WATCHING.  
"We do not intend to let anything or anybody stand in our way. With 10,000,000 members we will sweep the country and governors had better be prepared for the worst for we mean business. Instead of criticizing us, you ought to be glad to join our ranks."

Remember, the eyes of the Ku Klux Klan are on you."

GOVERNOR AT CONFERENCE.  
Governor McCreary is in the east and no statement could be obtained as to his opinion concerning the threats against his life. The governor addressed the Indiana Society of New York city this week and intends to visit the governor's conference at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., before returning to Indiana.

NO PUBLIC STATEMENT.  
Governor McCreary has made no public statement against the Klan recently. When the organization entered Indiana, however, the governor denounced its alleged dark lantern methods. He made it clear that he would not have permitted the organization to enter this state if he had had the power to prevent it.

TAXES NO ATTENTION TO THEM.  
Anonymous communications regarding to various matters are frequently received at the governor's office and no attention is paid to them. It is infinitely, however, that threats against the life of the executive of the state are made. Such threats, of course, are subject to heavy penalties in the event the writers are apprehended.

### INDEPENDENT FRENCH ACTION IS THREATENED

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### EUROPE'S ROYAL LOVE TRIANGLE SQUARED



Crown Prince Carol of Roumania and his wife, formerly Princess Helen of Greece, who has been married to him for two years. The princess is reported to be in Athens, charging desertion and misconduct. She is believed to be in Athens. The prince has returned to Mme. Jeanne Lambrino, his morganatic wife.